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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO

AUGUST 22, 2003 NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH

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NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES

This Amendment is submitted in response to a Notice To Comply With Requirements For Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 22, 2003 in connection with the above identified application. A copy of the Notice is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. A response to the August 22, 2003 Notice is due September 22, 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows: